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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: P. Tran
Tomoyuki MIYASHITA)
: Group Art Unit: 2721
Appln. No.: 09/587,906)
: Filed: June 6, 2000)
: For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS) October 23, 2003
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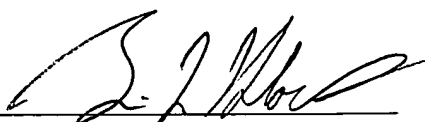
RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's election of species requirement issued October 3, 2003, Applicant hereby elects for prosecution on the merits the Species of the Second Embodiment. Applicants submit that Claims 1 to 6 and 15 to 24 read on the elected species.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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